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CARBON MONOXIDE ALARMS

Often called the silent killer, carbon monoxide (CO) is an invisible, odorless, colorless gas created when fuels (such as gasoline, wood, coal, natural gas, propane, oil and methane) burn incompletely. In the home, heating and cooking equipment that burn fuel can be sources of carbon monoxide.

Effective July 1, 2011, all single family homes with an attached garage or a fossil fuel source are required to have installed a carbon monoxide (CO) alarm (detector). The following are recommendations regarding their installation:



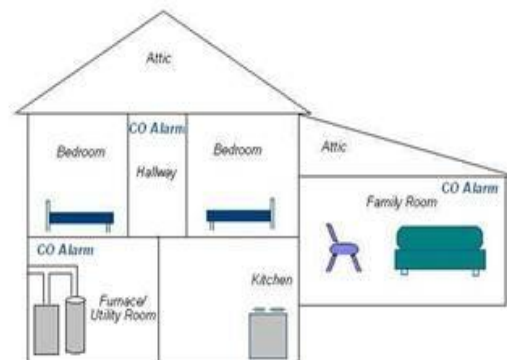
- CO Alarms should be installed in a central location outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home. For the best protection, interconnect all CO alarms throughout the home.
- Follow the manufacturer's instructions for placement and mounting height.
- Choose a CO alarm that has the label of a recognized testing laboratory.
- Test CO Alarms at least once a month; replace them according to the manufacturer's instructions. Change the batteries twice a year (when you change the clocks for daylight savings time).
- If the audible trouble signal sounds, check for low batteries. If the battery is low, replace it. If it still sounds, call the fire department.

If an audible alarm sounds:

- Immediately move to a fresh air location outdoors or by an open window or door. Make sure everyone inside the home is accounted for. Call 911 from a fresh air location and stay there until emergency personnel arrive.

Some other important reminders:

- If you need to warm a vehicle, remove it from the garage immediately after starting it. Do not run a vehicle or other fueled engine or motor indoors, even if garage doors are open.
- When using a generator, use it in a well-ventilated location outdoors and away from windows, doors and vent openings.
- Gas or charcoal grills can produce carbon monoxide, only use them outdoors.



Carbon Monoxide Detectors - Recommended Locations

For more detailed information on the Carbon Monoxide Poisoning Prevention Act go to the following web link or contact the Belmont Fire Protection District at (650) 595-7492:

http://www.fire.ca.gov/communications/communications_firesafety_carbonmonoxide.php